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PatentCLEAN VERSION OF EACH REPLACEMENT SECTION/CLAIMIn the Specification

Page 24, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 and ending on line 21 as follows.

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--In other preferred embodiments of FIGURE 1B, web 26 travels along direction of manufacture 76 on a conveyor, roll, or the like, which maintains the relative positioning of web 26 with respect to such conveyor or roll by e.g. vacuum, suction, static forces, or any other means known in the art for maintaining the relative positioning of a web on a roll or conveyor at least until fasteners 66, 68 are applied to web 26. In such other preferred embodiments of FIGURE 1B, fault lines 32, 34 can comprise any of the above discussed embodiments of fault lines as well as a complete severances across the entirety of web 26. The roll or conveyor used in such embodiments sustains the positioning of a respective central fastening area 40A relative to adjacent upstream and downstream peripheral fastening areas 40B, such that fasteners 66, 68 can be applied to such areas of web 26 without unwanted overlap, shifting, or spacing of such areas, relative to each other.--

In the Claims

Kindly amend Claim 41 as follows.

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41(Amended). A personal care absorbent article, comprising:

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- (a) a front portion including opposing first and second lateral side portions (51, 53) defining respective first and second lateral side edges, and a central section (61) defining a fastening area between the first and second lateral side portions, first and second fault lines being disposed

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between the fastening area and the respective first and second lateral side portions;

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- (b) a rear portion including an outer rear edge;
  - (c) a crotch portion extending between said front portion and said rear portion; and
  - (d) first and second fasteners releasably secured to the fastening area, and non-releasably secured to the first and second lateral side portions of the front portion.
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